

# Likud and Labour both claim victory

**By SARAH HONIG**  
**Post Political Reporter**

TEL AVIV. — Both major parties loudly proclaimed themselves the winners of Tuesday's local elections yesterday although neither could point to significant gains.

Likud leaders claimed success because the party did not suffer the severe setbacks expected in the wake of the recent economic crisis, the continuing turmoil in Lebanon and the resignation of former prime minister Menachem Begin.

Likud leaders, cheered at having been spared the voters' backlash, argued that the vote was an auspicious omen for the next Knesset campaign.

Labour MK Shevah Weiss, a professor of political science, admitted in an article yesterday that "anyone who might have expected a Likud debacle, came away disappointed."

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results have far exceeded our expectations.

"This has changed the political map," he declared.

Likud local campaign headquarters co-chairman Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i retorted by saying that he "cannot understand Peres's great joy."

"We lost no local authority which had been in Likud hands, and we won in places where the local government was in Alignment hands," Moda'i said.

The final score of wins and losses cannot yet be tallied because in over 30 municipalities and councils, a second round will have to be held on November 8. One of these cities is Ramat Gan, where Labour's Uri Amit forced Likud incumbent Yisrael Peled into a second round. This constitutes Labour's most notable achievement, since Ramat Gan from its founding has been a Liberal city. But Peled was involved in fighting within his party up until the eve of elections, and was challenged by a breakaway Likud list headed by David Melamedowitz.

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# 48% voted nationwide — a big drop from '78

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

About 48 out of every 100 eligible voters cast their ballots in Tuesday's municipal elections, Dr. Meir Shoham, commissioner of elections, said in an interview yesterday at national election headquarters in Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'uma. In the 1978 municipal elections, there was a 57.3 per cent turnout of eligible voters.

Thirty-four towns, cities and local councils (a tentative figure, depending on the army vote) will have to hold further elections on November 8, following the failure of the mayoral candidates in those places to win the required 40 per cent of the vote. In most of the 34 localities, the two hopefuls coming closest to the decisive mark were from the Likud and Alignment.

The re-run elections will be held at the same voting places as Tuesday's polling, but ballots will be accepted only between 1.00 p.m. and

10 p.m. As in Tuesday's elections, Israelis in uniform will vote at their bases.

Shoham was surprised at the large number of undecided mayoralty contests. "In the 1978 municipal elections it happened in 31 places, and this time we expected many fewer such occurrences."

At 5.00 p.m. yesterday, the last van departed from Binyanei Ha'uma with crates of sealed soldiers' ballot envelopes, for distribution to the servicemen's local election committees. All through the night, these ballots were tallied and their totals added to the official count of each soldier's polling place.

According to Shoham, the results of the soldiers' voting — especially in the larger towns and cities — could turn the tide for some mayoral candidates or council lists on the threshold between victory and defeat.

# Egypt's FM to visit Baghdad, Amman

**Post Middle East Affairs Reporter**  
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Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamel Hassan Ali is due to visit Baghdad and Amman in the coming days — the first time an Egyptian foreign minister has visited either of these two capitals since they severed diplomatic ties with Cairo following the conclusion of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty four years ago.

The impending visits were officially announced in Cairo yesterday, and were described as part of President Hosni Mubarak's reaction to last weekend's bomb attacks in Beirut.

But they have a broader significance in that they will signal an important advance in Egypt's bid to gain reacceptance into the Arab world.

Egypt has, in fact, managed to rebuild a wide web of commercial, cultural and other ties with Iraq, Jordan and Saudi Arabia over the past few years, and its relations with these countries are now virtually normal except for the continuing absence of formal diplomatic ties.

An official Jordanian delegation arrived in Cairo on Tuesday for talks aimed at improving tourism links between the two countries — a further indication of Egypt's low-key re-integration into the Arab world.

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Anti-U.S. demonstrators, one of them wearing a "Reagan mask," burn a U.S. flag in front of the U.S. Embassy in Brussels yesterday in protest against the invasion of Grenada by the U.S.

# Shamir says Syria behind bombings

**By DAVID LANDAU**  
**Post Diplomatic Correspondent**

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday charged that Syria was behind Sunday's bombings in Beirut against military units of the multinational peace-keeping force.

Speaking to an Israel Bonds delegation in Jerusalem, Shamir said: "Israel knows who was behind them (the attacks)... Syria, together with terrorist elements operating under Syrian aegis and enjoying Soviet protection."

Shamir also referred to Israel's offer of aid to the bomb victims. "Israel 'can only regret' that the U.S. chose not to avail itself of the offer to help after the blasts," he said.

Queried on this matter by a member of the top-level bonds delegation, the prime minister in effect confirmed news media reports that Israel's offer was ignored by the U.S., which preferred to fly injured marines to U.S. Army hospitals in West Germany rather than to the Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

Israeli sources disclosed that Israel offered sophisticated concrete-lifting equipment to help move the debris of the ruined marines headquarters. But the marines replied that they had their own equipment and did not need the Israeli machines.

Shamir said Israel could well understand what is happening now in the U.S. and France, "where people are asking themselves: 'What are we doing in Lebanon?' We understand this and we understand the question. We have undergone similar experiences ourselves."

"And we say: The president is quite right when he says one must not surrender to terror... If we give in to terror, Syria will succeed in its plot to take over (all of) Lebanon, and the USSR with its clients will become the dominant factor in the Middle East."

# Moslem Al-Amal carried out blasts

**Post Defence Reporter**

TEL AVIV. — A group called Moslem Al-Amal, headed by Hussein Musavi, perpetrated Sunday's attack on the American and French headquarters in Beirut. The Jerusalem Post was told here yesterday.

The attacks were reportedly planned by Syria. Moslem Al-Amal broke away from the Shia Al-Amal about a year ago and set up headquarters in Baalbek, in northeast Lebanon.

# Arens is against closing bridges across the Awali

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

Defence Minister Moshe Arens said yesterday that he is opposed to closing the Awali River bridges linking Israeli-occupied South Lebanon and the area to the north.

Arens, who was interviewed by Israel Television during his visit to the banana grove north of Tyre where two Israeli soldiers died in an ambush on Monday, reiterated that Israel wants to eventually withdraw from all of Lebanon. (Funerals, page 2.)

He said that Israel seeks to maintain proper relations with the Lebanese government and does not want to partition the country. Closing the bridges would effectively partition Lebanon, preventing the Lebanese government from exercising its authority over the south. "But we may have to (close the bridge) if the attacks continue."

Arens said he does not think "at this stage" that Israeli relations with the Shia majority in southern Lebanon have deteriorated. "The links are now being formed," he said.

He could not say whether the recent attacks, which have claimed four Israeli lives in a week, were the work of PLO fighters or Shias.

The Israel Defence Forces continued intensive searches near the village of Sabirha, north of Tyre, where the two IDF soldiers were killed.

In the eastern sector, south of Lake Karoun, light arms fire was directed at an IDF roadblock at dawn yesterday. An explosion was heard near the roadblock at the same time. No IDF soldiers were wounded in the incident.

# NRP may be facing split

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

Speculation mounted last night inside the National Religious Party that the faction headed by Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer is preparing to break away from the NRP and form a new religious Zionist party.

The rumours to this effect were fuelled by the faction's good showing in a dozen municipal elections where it ran against the NRP's Lamifneh faction, headed by Interior Minister Yosef Burg.

The Hammer faction was reported by sources in the NRP to have been waiting for the election results before making any move. The NRP has in effect been split for months, and this was reflected by the party's inability to field a unified ticket in many of the municipal contests.

Some NRP insiders speculate that Burg may now call on breakaway groups such as Rabbi Haim Druckman's Matzad to "come home" to the NRP. Such a move may entail ditching Lamifneh strongman Rafael Ben-Natan in favour of new allies. (See related, earlier story, page 2.)

# Jewish Agency ousts aliya chairman Kotlowitz

**By JUDY SIEGEL**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

Herut loyalist Raphael Kotlowitz, chairman of the Jewish Agency immigration department for six years, was ousted yesterday in an unprecedented maneuver by the agency board of governors, which moved to respond to the temporary injunction yesterday morning, decided not to state the board of governors' position, and Judge Yosef Harish announced that he would decide on the case today.

Meanwhile, the 62 governors — half of them Diaspora fund-raisers and half of them Israeli political representatives of the World Zionist Organization — convened in Jerusalem. Board chairman Jerrold Hoffberger, a tough businessman who has been quietly campaigning against Kotlowitz on the grounds that he was "unfit" for his position and "unable to communicate with Diaspora Jewry," insisted that the secret ballot be held immediately.

The announcement caused a furor, especially since all Israeli non-members of the board, including Jewish National Fund chairman Moshe Rivlin — were asked to leave the room. American Jewish officials of equal rank were allowed to stay.

When the ballots were counted, 34 were found to have voted to oust Kotlowitz and six to keep him. Twelve abstained. Yitzhak Meir of the National Religious Party decided to leave the room, for fear that the vote would be interpreted

following the Beirut blasts that "circumstantial evidence" indicated Iran was responsible for the attack. A senior White House official also said "bits and pieces of hard evidence" also indicated Iranian involvement.

Other reports said the bombings may have been carried out by Lebanese groups supported by Iran.

IRNA quoted Rafsanjani as saying it was natural that Iran's name would be "mentioned with doubt in this respect, due to Iran's resistance and anti-imperialist stance, and it would be allegedly said that Iran's hands might have been involved."

Rafsanjani also said that Iran was defending the Lebanese people, and "we preserve the right for the Lebanese people for the expulsion of the usurpers from Lebanon."

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# In Grenada operation: 6 U.S. soldiers killed 600 Cubans captured

**BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (AP).** — The U.S., meeting stubborn resistance from islanders and a "fistful of Cubans," threw fresh paratroopers and helicopter gunships into the fight for Grenada yesterday.

The Cubans' resistance crumbled at Point Salines Airport, on the Caribbean island's southern tip, after U.S. helicopter gunships battered a building holding most of them, the Cuban news agency reported. But Grenadians apparently continued to fight in the nearby capital, St. George's.

And in the U.S., public opposition to the Grenada venture, often coupled with disagreement over the U.S. commitment in Lebanon, grew, especially among Democratic Party representatives.

Senator Gary Hart, a competitor for the Democratic presidential nomination, urged Congress to conduct "a full and in-depth debate on American involvement in Grenada."

Senator Alan Cranston, another Democratic White House contender, said: "We have a trigger-happy president who has recklessly landed us in two civil wars — in Grenada and Lebanon — and his policies threaten to land us in a third civil war in El Salvador and (another in) Nicaragua."

Other top Democrats such as House of Representatives Speaker Thomas O'Neill refused to criticize the Grenada invasion in the heat of the fighting. But O'Neill grumbled that Congress had not been consulted in advance, and political sources said many lawmakers were shocked and angry over the American action.

"Politically, Reagan has trumped his use by interjecting this invasion in a period of national mourning over Lebanon," said one senior Democratic strategist. "His timing could not have been worse."

The official Cuban news agency Prensa Latina reported yesterday that the last Cuban defenders at 1617 GMT had "sacrificed themselves for the motherland," and Cuban resistance had ended.

At least 30 Cubans were killed. The reported U.S. death toll for the two-day invasion stood at six.

In Bridgetown, 340 kilometres to the northeast, big U.S. Air Force transports took off from the airport through the day, shuttling arms, stretchers and other equipment to tiny Grenada.

In Washington, a Reagan administration official, who requested anonymity, acknowledged that the

# Grenada invasion strains U.S.-UK ties

**LONDON.** — Britain acknowledged yesterday that the U.S.-led invasion of Grenada has strained British-American relations, but agreed to the island state's governor-general — a British official — forming a provisional government.

A close aide to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said she had tried in a midnight telephone call to dissuade U.S. President Ronald Reagan from going ahead with the invasion.

The Thatcher aide told reporters: "There isn't any doubt that the U.S. intervention places our relations (with Washington) under strain."

Responding to a report from Washington that the U.S. plans to ask Sir Paul Scoon to form a provisional government in advance of elections, a British spokesman said: "Those are the constitutional rights of a governor-general."

Britain's Conservative government faced an emergency debate late yesterday in the House of Commons. The opposition Labour Party has urged that Britain protest against the U.S. military strike, and the debate was expected to be stormy.

Denis Healy, foreign affairs spokesman for Labour called the invasion unnecessary and unjustified in a television interview on Tuesday night. "I think his (President Reagan) relationship with the whole of western Europe is at risk," Healy added.

The French government late on Tuesday called the U.S. action in Grenada "surprising" and noted that France has always affirmed "the principle of non-intervention."

"The French government cannot appreciate the reasons which provoked this surprising action in relation to international law," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

"No state or group of states has the right to intervene militarily on the territory of another state without having been expressly invited by the legitimate authorities of the latter, or unless the (UN) Security Council has formally and explicitly authorized it."

# BEIRUT BOMBINGS Bush visits Beirut—death toll tops 270

**BEIRUT (AP).** — U.S. Vice-President George Bush looked at the "horror" of the bomb-devastated marine camp in Beirut yesterday, then declared that "insidious terrorist cowards" would not shift U.S. policy in the Middle East.

"International terror in the world is simply driven home when you see this," Bush said as he stood before the crushed concrete of what had been the four-storey headquarters of the marines' battalion landing team headquarters.

Bodies continued to be pulled from the rubble of the marine building during Bush's visit, and the death toll from the almost simultaneous terrorist bombings Sunday there and at a French paratroop headquarters rose to 273, of whom 219 were Americans, and 54 French.

During his three-hour stay, Bush met with Lebanese President Amin Jemayel and commanders of the French and Italian peace-keeping forces in Lebanon.

He landed while the U.S. Marines at Beirut International Airport were under "Condition One" — their highest alert — following a dawn attack with small arms, mortars and bazookas.

"The shooting all along our eastern perimeter stopped shortly before 7 a.m. when we fired two rounds from 81-mm. mortars," said marine spokesman Maj. Robert Jordan.

Bush arrived amid tight security shortly before 9 a.m., by helicopter from the USS Iwo Jima off the Lebanese coast. He had flown to the amphibious assault ship nearly two hours before, and his arrival in Beirut was delayed, presumably by the firing on the marine camp.

Bush donned a flak jacket and a steel helmet for the tour of the building that had housed up to 300 marines when it was flattened. "I hadn't expected this much destruction," he said. "You heard it. You read it. But until you see it... I guess it's the horror, just the cowardly horror. You know what happened, what somebody did."

Bush said he had spoken with President Ronald Reagan just before leaving and said he was certain Reagan would not shift U.S. policy towards Lebanon because of the attack.

# Weinberger says Syria partly to blame

**WASHINGTON (AP).** — U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger suggested yesterday that Syria was at least partially responsible for the bombings that killed at least 219 U.S. marines and 48 French troops in Beirut on Sunday.

Appearing on the NBC-TV Today programme, Weinberger was asked whether he had any information indicating that Iranian nationals were responsible for the blast, as American officials have suggested previously.

"No, but the information that we have still points in that direction," Weinberger replied, "and I find it very hard to believe that anything of that kind could have taken place without at least Syrian consent."

Weinberger's comments were similar to a statement made in Israel on Tuesday by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, but were not as direct an accusation as made by the Israeli leader.

Israeli leaders have hinted they believe Syria was to blame, but Shamir was the first to accuse them directly.

Meanwhile, Hashemi Rafsanjani, the speaker of the Iranian parliament, repeated yesterday the denial that his country was involved in the twin blasts.

"Our words and reasoning are much higher than explosion. We are supporting a popular movement to combat the usurper, but do not feel it necessary to be involved in such activities," IRNA, the official Iranian news agency, quoted Rafsanjani as saying.

Weinberger stated in Washington



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AMSTERDAM	6	13	10	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	5	13	10	Cloudy
BURNOVA	10	22	12	Clear
CHICAGO	8	15	10	Clear
COPENHAGEN	6	13	10	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	6	13	10	Cloudy
GENEVA	6	13	10	Cloudy
HELSINKI	4	11	10	Cloudy
HONG KONG	22	24	10	Cloudy
JOHANNESBURG	11	22	10	Cloudy
LISBON	12	22	10	Cloudy
LONDON	7	15	10	Cloudy
MADRID	5	13	10	Cloudy
MONTREAL	2	10	10	Cloudy
NEW YORK	8	15	10	Cloudy
OSLO	4	11	10	Cloudy
PARIS	5	13	10	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	13	22	10	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	10	18	10	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	3	11	10	Cloudy
TORONTO	9	16	10	Cloudy
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Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	14-21	21
Golan	11-17	17
Nahariya	14-25	25
Safed	11-19	19
Haifa Port	17-24	24
Tiberias	15-27	27
Nazareth	14-21	21
Afula	12-24	24
Shomron	14-22	22
Tel Aviv	16-24	24
B-G Airport	16-24	24
Jericho	14-20	20
Garza	16-24	24
Beer-Sheva	16-24	24
Eilat	19-29	29

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Chaim Herzog yesterday received World WIZO president Raya Jaglom and WIZO tourism department chairman Nona Merkel at Beit Hanaasi.

Knesset Speaker, Menahem Savidor, met yesterday at the Knesset with Herbert Armstrong, president of Ambassador College, California, who is in Israel as a guest of the Jerusalem Foundation.

The Dr. Irene Halmos Chair in Arabic Literature was dedicated last week at Tel Aviv University. Congratulatory letters were received from Egyptian author Nagib Mahfouz, Professor Hussein El-Fayumi and other Egyptian intellectuals. The incumbent of the chair will be Professor Sasson Somech. Also dedicated was the Bernard H. Barnett and Abe Carmel Chair in Energy Development.

Dr. Wolf Cegla will speak about the activities of Rotary International, of which he is a past director, at a meeting of the Rotary Club at the Tel Aviv Hilton, at 1:15 p.m. today.

Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, Jerusalem, takes pleasure in welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pitt of Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. Pitt will be the guests of honour at the Shaare Zedek Los Angeles Dinner.

## In Memoriam

A memorial meeting was held yesterday for Leon Mairsoff, in the presence of his widow Yvonne, at the Mairsoff Faculty Club at the Hebrew University's Mount Scopus campus. Mairsoff was president of Keren Hayesod in Brussels, a benefactor of the university and a generous supporter of projects in Israel. The memorial, chaired by Dr. Avraham Avi-Hai, world chairman of Keren Hayesod, was addressed by Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, Jewish Agency and WZO chairman Arye Dulin and Bernard Chertok, vice-president of the Hebrew University.

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## HOME NEWS

# Alignment happy with vote

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Post Knesset Correspondent

Alignment leaders said yesterday that the municipal election results pointed to a significant shift in public support from the Likud to the Alignment. But they did not claim, at a meeting open to the press, that the shift was a response to national rather than local issues.

Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres said: "The elections produced a very meaningful turn towards the Alignment, in development towns and medium-size towns. In places where run-off mayoral elections will be held, we will pose a very serious challenge to the Likud. We can deduce from the elections more a trend than a final outcome. But there is plenty of room for confidence and satisfaction."

Peres made special mention of five Arab local councils where the Alignment unseated the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (Rakha).

Peres said that too much importance should not be attached to the absolute number of votes cast for the various parties because of the large numbers of residents who did not vote this time.

MK Mordechai Gur, the Alignment's election headquarters chief, said that the Alignment lost three mayoralties and won seven, which left a net gain of four mayoralties.

Gur said that Alignment gains in eight development towns proved that the local populations were not wedded to the Likud and not disenchanted with the Alignment.

"The second round contest will be tough, but our prospects are good," Gur said.

In a less-than-veiled hint that success in the run-offs would necessitate deals with other parties and with independent lists, Gur asked his faction colleagues to "make sure we have a free hand to negotiate, because the issues are very complicated and very sensitive."

Noting that before the elections, Defence Minister Moshe Arens had advised the Alignment to "get up North and see what the Galilee people think about the war in Lebanon," Gur said the Alignment's performance in the two most sensitive places, Kiryat Shmona and Nahariya, made Arens's challenge seem hollow today.

Gur said: "On a rough calculation, at the municipal level, between 4 and 6 per cent of the voters on the average countrywide have moved over to us."

He said the "clear trend in our favour" came from the floating vote and not from hard-core Likud followers.

Gur attributed the swing to the Alignment in five Arab councils to an awareness there that the Alignment is the only party capable of preaching and practising what he called "ideological coexistence" between Jew and Arab in Israel.

## Poor results set NRP alarms ringing

By SARAH HONIG  
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Alarm bells sounded yesterday in the National Religious Party, as the returns of Tuesday's local elections revealed a *de facto* split in the party.

Election results were not favourable for most of the small Knesset parties, in part because the municipal election system works against them.

The NRP's position at the polls was monitored from two separate headquarters. At the Foreign Ministry, Deputy Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir ran the campaign on behalf of the Young Guard faction, headed by himself and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, while Raphael Ben-Natan managed things for the Lamiye faction of Interior Minister Yosef Burg.

In no less than 12 localities, the two rival factions actually ran on separate tickets, in competition with each other. Lamiye's one success was the re-election of Tiberias Mayor Yigal Bibi. Elsewhere, the Hammer faction, in some localities cooperating with Tami, fared better of the two. In Ashkelon, Bat Yam and Yeroham, Hammer's faction, although not winning outright, increased its share of the local council votes.

These results prompted Ben-Meir to declare that "those who strove to split the party did not succeed, and we proved that where you nominate good candidates, you win."

It was noted, however, that the direct mayoral election system puts the smaller nationwide parties at a disadvantage, and no valid conclusions about a party's national standing can be safely drawn. These parties fare better under the proportional representation system of the Knesset elections.

This is also true of Tami. Tami gained some city council representation, but failed in most of its bids to win seats. Political analysts were hard put to assess the party's chances of appearing again in the

Knesset. Tami may do better under the proportional representation system, but it was noted that it did not win the majority of any development town and hence was judged by some observers as a passing phenomenon.

Tami's MK Aharon Abuhatzzeira, much-criticized for overseeing the Tami campaign while on leave from outside work he is doing in a police station in lieu of a three-month jail term, claimed Eli Dayan's Ashkelon win as Tami's. But this is hotly disputed by experts, who note that Dayan's strength came from his being an incumbent. He first won office on the defunct Democratic Movement for Change list. This time around, Dayan ran on an independent list called Ashkelon Bitnufa, and constantly strove to dissociate himself from Tami.

Tehiya chose not to contest any local elections, apart from Jerusalem. Shinui tried its luck in many localities but did poorly.

## Sarid row in 23-minute Knesset session

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Post Knesset Reporter

As a result of a combination of unforeseen circumstances, the Knesset sat yesterday for only 23 minutes.

Wednesday sessions are ordinarily devoted to motions for the agenda and private members' bills, and five such items were originally scheduled to be heard yesterday.

But when Mordechai Yishubski (Shinui) asked that his bill to disperse the Knesset and hold early elections be postponed for a week, Next Taviv Toubi (Democratic Front), Avraham Katz-Oz (Alignment), and Aharon Nahmias (Alignment) contacted the Knesset secretariat and requested that their motions be held over.

A motion by Yossi Sarid (Alignment), entitled "300 days of the war in Lebanon, and the tragedy in Beirut."

The session was opened by

Deputy Speaker Moshe Shahal at 11:09, nine minutes late. He called on Sarid to present his motion, but Sarid noted that the cabinet table was completely empty.

Amid shouted interruptions by Likud members and rejoinders by the Alignment, Sarid went on to say that the "complete anarchy" prevailing in the House stemmed from the fact that after the tragedy that had occurred this week in Beirut, no minister had come to report to the Knesset.

This is a new government, Sarid said, and look how it is functioning. Is it not an elementary obligation toward the soldiers fighting "the unfinished war in Lebanon," and toward their families, for the Knesset to discuss the recent events in Lebanon?

Shahal then explained that Sarid's motion had been last on the list of five items, later reduced to four. And Defence Minister Moshe

Arens had planned to arrive in the Knesset (from Lebanon, it was later learned) in good time to reply to Sarid's motion. It was only because Sarid's motion had unexpectedly moved up to first place that Arens was not present to hear it.

This did not satisfy Sarid, who asked whether the government wanted the war in Lebanon to be forgotten. Meanwhile six ministers had taken their seats: Sara Doron, Mordechai Ben-Porat, Moshe Nissim, Pessah Grupper, Yigal Cohen-Orgad, and Gideon Patt.

Shahal gave Sarid a choice: either he could put off his motion until next week, or he could present it immediately. In the latter case, Shahal would ask the ministers present, after Sarid spoke, whether one of them wished to reply. If not, the minister of defence would be asked to reply next week.

Sarid chose not to speak yesterday, and Shahal adjourned the session. The time was 11:32.

## KOTLOWITZ

who got to the office early and departed late. But he nevertheless angered many for stuffing his influential and powerful department with many Herut activists selected for their party, rather than professional qualifications. He was also regarded as closed-minded, operating on a completely different wavelength from Diaspora Jewry.

The ouster was an unprecedented step by the board of governors, which was given veto power over all appointments of department chairmen and directors-general in the Jewish Agency.

The board rejected the nomination of Yoram Avidor as Agency treasurer a few years ago, but this

was the first time an incumbent was dumped. Jewish Agency officials yesterday viewed the move with worry, fearing that other "unsuitable" department chairmen might be ousted sometime in the future.

Kotlowitz remains chairman of the World Zionist Organization immigration department, which deals with bringing immigrants from western countries. The Jewish Agency department brings them from countries of oppression and runs absorption centres in Israel. But it is unlikely that Kotlowitz will be able to hold on to the WZO position for long, following the disgrace of his ouster. Agency officials privately voiced the hope that Kotlowitz would resign from all WZO responsibilities.

## GRENADA

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more U.S. casualties could be expected, "because the price of freedom is high."

Meanwhile, the evacuation of American residents from the island began.

President Reagan said he ordered the lightning invasion to protect the 1,000 or so Americans on the Marxist-ruled island in the aftermath of a coup, and to "restore order and democracy" there.

Six other Caribbean nations, including Barbados and Jamaica, con-

tributed a total of 300 troops and police to the Grenada occupation force, saying they wanted to halt the spread of Marxism through the region. The Reagan administration also contended that the Cuban-built airfield presented a potential strategic threat to the U.S. and the region.

About 800 paratroopers from the rapid-reaction 82nd Airborne Division arrived in Grenada yesterday to back up the almost 2,000 marines and rangers.

## VICTORY CLAIMS

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bites out of the larger parties' city council votes.

But in general, mayoral candidates who did well also carried the city councils, and vice versa. Political observers were united in noting that no overall nationwide trend could be discerned in the city councils.

Thus, the Likud did well in the Tel Aviv city council because Mayor Shlomo Lahat won convincingly, while Labour dropped back because of the disappointing performance of MK Dov Ben-Meir. In Jerusalem, where Teddy Kollek galloped home, his council list also did well, and the Likud list did not.

The chief factor in local elections, both in mayoral and council races, remained the attractiveness to the voter of the particular

mayoral candidates.

Another Labour gain was in Ribshon LeZion, where Meir Nitzan unseated independent Hanania Gubstein, who though a Herut member, faced a very aggressive challenge by an official Likud list.

The Likud victories included upsets in Herzliya, Beit She'an and Netivot. In Herzliya, Eli Landau toppled three-time Labour incumbent Yosef Nevo from office, and in Deputy Premier David Levy's home town of Beit She'an, the Likud finally managed to take over city hall with Shlomo Ben-Lulu defeating Yitzhak Keinan of Labour. In Netivot, the Likud took the city over from the NRP mayor, who was also close to Tami. The Likud has hopes of winning Netanyahu and Kiryat Shmona from Labour in run-off elections.



Canadian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs, Allan MacEachen, who arrived in Israel yesterday for a three-day visit, meets with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir in Jerusalem. MacEachen stopped here on the last leg of a Middle East trip in which he has already been to Egypt, Syria and Jordan. Upon his arrival at the airport, MacEachen told reporters that he would be discussing regional problems and reviewing bilateral relations. MacEachen also visited Yad Vashem and met with Defence Minister Moshe Arens yesterday. Last night he was guest-of-honour at a dinner hosted by Shamir at the Plaza Hotel. MacEachen said that while Canada was committed to Israel's security, it differed with it on West Bank policies.

## Bank share prices steady—volume is down sharply

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN  
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Share prices of banks which are participating in the government bail-out agreement were established as unchanged yesterday, for the second consecutive session. On Monday, the total turnover in these shares exceeded IS12 billion. Yesterday's volume was down sharply to approximately IS3.1b.

The dollar value of the Treasury's intervention was about \$3.8m. (IS1.1b.) It has totalled some \$188m. (IS15.4b.) in the past two sessions. The developments were considered favourable, as the measure of support extended was only one-quarter of Monday's figures.

A survey of several Tel Aviv bankers tends to support the contention that most funds realized from the sale of bank shares have been used for covering expensive overdrafts, which are being charged

interest at an annual rate of 160-180 per cent. Most of the remaining funds have wound up as short-term bank deposits (pazak) as depositors have assumed a wait-and-see attitude.

It is understood that the Treasury is carefully monitoring these sums, as they are concerned that they should not become part of a further run on the shekel. Stock market analysts are suggesting that the easy availability of these sums may spell a short-term rally in the non-banking shares.

Yesterday, the share market turned lower, with a number of securities sustaining major losses. A case in point were the shares of Binyan Mortgage, which plummeted by 70.1 per cent.

The index-linked bond market continued to advance, with price gains of up to 3 per cent among the various groups traded.

The shekel was devalued by about 43 agorot.

## Orgad: The rich must pay more for health, education

By AVI TEMKIN  
Post Economic Reporter

The public, at least the wealthier part of it, will have to pay much more for some of the services it receives, such as health and education. This was the main message presented to the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad.

Speaking to committee members on his policy targets, Cohen-Orgad declared that after the economy stabilizes, the time will be ripe to correct its problems.

Cohen-Orgad also told the committee that the government had to spend only some \$30 to \$40 million yesterday to support the prices of bank shares. This was one-fourth of the sum pumped out by the government on Monday for the same purposes.

The finance minister said he believes that the services provided by the government should be universal, but that those with high income should have to pay for them.

As examples, he cited hospitals and universities: "There should be one hospital system and one higher education system, but those who are able should pay a price closer to the real economic cost of providing the services."

In the next two years exports should be increased by 15 per cent, compared to the 1983 level, he said. At the same time, imports should be decreased by \$1 billion, or 7 per cent of the total, he said.

The Treasury later announced that the minister is planning to bring his proposals for budget cuts to the cabinet in the very near future.

## Inflation puffs up settlement budget

By AVI TEMKIN  
Post Economic Reporter

The government planned in its original budget for the current fiscal year to invest some \$400 million on settlements in the administered territories, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad revealed yesterday.

Speaking to the Knesset Finance Committee, Cohen-Orgad said that the planned expenditure on settlements for fiscal 1983 amounted to some IS22 billion. This figure was based on a planned average rate of exchange of IS50 to the dollar. Since the rate of devaluation and inflation are running higher than originally planned, and taking into account a full linkage of govern-

ment expenditure to inflation, the figure cited by Cohen-Orgad now translates into some IS35b. in current prices.

Cohen-Orgad told the committee members that two-thirds of the funds are earmarked for settlements included in the "Allon Plan," covering the Golan Heights, the Jordan Valley, the Jerusalem area, Gush Etzion and Kiryat Arba.

"Only IS7 billion of the total planned sum is to be spent in areas where disagreement exists between the Likud and the Alignment," he added. According to the minister, this represents 0.6 per cent of the total budget.

## Western ministers to meet

PARIS (AP). — The foreign ministers of the U.S., Britain, France and Italy will discuss the Lebanese crisis today in the 17th-century chateau of La Celle St. Cloud, 16 kilometres west of Paris, the Foreign Ministry announced.

Exceptionally heavy security preparations were being made around the chateau and its walled park, frequently used by the Foreign Ministry for major diplomatic functions.

## Famous victory

Post Sports Staff

Maccabi Ramat Gan took a giant stride towards achieving a place in the second round of European basketball's Korac Cup, when they vanquished Rapid of Bucharest 79-71 in Bucharest. The result was a shock to the losers, and perhaps even to the winners, who were not expected to triumph in the compact 2,000-seat stadium before a partisan crowd cheering for Rapid. The young Maccabi squad, undaunted by the atmosphere, played inspired basketball, and led at the half 43-35. They never relaxed their hold on the game.

The more than useful eight-point lead should be all they need to see them through, as the second leg is to be played in Israel.

## Memorial today for Beirut marine dead

Jerusalem Post Staff

A memorial for the U.S. marines killed in Sunday's Beirut bombing is to be held in Jerusalem's Liberty Bell Garden today at 4:30 p.m.

The gathering, sponsored by the American organizations represented in Israel, both Jewish and non-Jewish, will be addressed by U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir.

## Israel takes cup game

In the opening round of the Korch Basketball Cup last night, Hapoel Ramat Gan (103) defeated Caizaria, Italy (72) at Yad Eliyahu.

## Man, 82, murdered in TA flat

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An 82-year-old antique dealer was strangled to death before dawn yesterday in his apartment, apparently by robbers who escaped with the contents of the man's two safes.

Isar Dzialoshinski, who lived on 62 Sderot Nordau in Tel Aviv, swam frequently at the Gordon swimming pool. A friend who came to pick him up at 8 a.m. yesterday waited in his car and hooted several times. After Dzialoshinski failed to appear, the friend went up to the flat and found the door wide open. Inside, Dzialoshinski lay dead, with his hands bound.

The second-floor apartment was disordered. Two safes in the bedroom had been broken into, and police believe the robber or robbers made off with jewelry and foreign currency.

The alarm system in the flat was disconnected, and the bars on the windows had been sawed through, police said. District police commander Nitzav Avraham Turgeman, who examined the flat, appointed a special investigation team headed by Pakad Faivel Lavon to deal with the murder.

Dzialoshinski was known to be very well-off, and police believe the burglars knew he kept safes filled with valuables at home.

## Funerals held for 2 ambush victims

BEIT SHE'AN (Itim). — The two Israeli Defence Forces soldiers killed in an ambush on Tuesday near Tyre in southern Lebanon, were buried yesterday.

Rav-Turai Mordechai Dari was buried in the military section of the Beit Shean cemetery. Thousands of mourners accompanied the funeral cortege.

Dari was eulogized by Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, and by the outgoing mayor of Beit She'an, Yitzhak Keinan.

Samal (Res.) Danny Phillip was buried in Haifa Cemetery, Phillip, 24, an only son, had been all over Lebanon as a sound technician for Israel Television.

He is survived by his parents, his wife and a three-year-daughter.

## Electricity price jumps another 18%

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved an 18 per cent increase in electricity rates, effective retroactively from October 11.

It was the second time within a month that the committee approved a relatively large increase in electricity prices. Together with the last hike, some 12 per cent effective from October 3, the total increase in electricity prices for October reached some 33 per cent.

## Bus fares to jump by 50% next week

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Bus fares on both urban and interurban lines will go up by an average of 50 per cent next Tuesday, November 1.



## HERZLIYA: Landau upsets Nevo

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Disenchantment with Herzliya's outgoing mayor Yosef Nevo, intercommunal fights in his Alignment branch and hopes that a new mayor would bring change contributed to the victory of the Likud's Eli Landau in Tuesday's elections.

Landau won 60 per cent of the votes, compared to 35 for Nevo. The remaining votes were divided by two other contenders.

Support for Landau came from both poor neighbourhoods in Herzliya and the rich Herzliya Pituah quarter, the returns showed.

Sources well-versed in the town's local politics said some of the reasons why residents dropped Nevo were: The streets are left dirty, young people complain about there being no "decent" cafes in town and people who moved

to Herzliya hoping for a better quality of life have been disappointed.

The town's slow development — some residents complained of stagnation — also harmed Nevo. Landau, on the other hand, projected a dynamic, aggressive image as one who can push things through, sources said.

Nevo was also hampered by the two-year-long infighting at the local Labour Party branch. He alienated members by failing to incorporate power-groups into his list, one source said.

The mutual recriminations (which had been splashed across the local newspapers) led to the forced resignation of deputy mayor Yigal Barzilai. Barzilai took revenge during the election campaign by publishing an advertisement in a Likud paper saying "Just not Nevo."

Other party functionaries did not join Labour's election effort, and the deposed mayor complained in a conversation with *The Jerusalem Post* that even the head of the local branch did not lift a finger during the campaign.

The bitter personal campaign, in which Nevo brought up Landau's past — when he was accused and acquitted of involvement in the theft of a large quantity of seeds and pesticides from a store in Tel Aviv — may have boomeranged. Many persons reportedly wrote to Landau and shook his hand, expressing their annoyance at the slander campaign.

Since then, Landau has held responsible positions as aide to Ariel Sharon when he was minister of agriculture and then minister of defence. He was a former military correspondent for *Ma'ariv* and has co-authored several books. He is now chairman of Shekem's board.



Re-elected Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat and his wife Ziva cut a victory cake in the mayor's office yesterday.

## HAIFA: Gurel polls 63%

By DAVID RUDGE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Alignment, led by a jubilant Mayor Arye Gurel, swept back into power on Tuesday with an increased majority on the city council.

Gurel polled 63 per cent of the mayoral votes, 13 per cent more than in the previous municipal elections, and far ahead of his nearest rival Yael Rom, who got only 18 per cent. The other three candidates for mayor, Yom Tov Elkayam (Likud) with 9 per cent, Yehudit Naot (Shinui) with 7 per cent and Nahum Menahem (Tami) with 3 per cent, were never in the running.

The official results were still not computed by last night, but it seemed clear that the Alignment, which polled 46 per cent of the vote, would get 13 seats on the 27 member council — two more than in the outgoing administration.

The Likud appeared to have maintained its four seats, the National Religious Front got three, Yael Rom, who ran with the Liberals (Haifa on the Right Road) two, Shinui two, Youth for Haifa one, Democratic Front for Peace and Equality one, and Independent Liberals one. Tami, which polled only 2.3 per cent of the vote, did not seem likely to have any representation.

The 54 per cent turnout among the city's 183,000 eligible voters was about the same as in previous municipal elections.

The Alignment, which was one seat short of a majority, said it would honour its coalition commitments to the religious parties. It was too early to say whether it would enter coalition talks with any of the other parties, said Gurel.

The biggest disappointment of the election was the poor showing of Yael Rom, despite the support of the Likud national hierarchy.

A spokesman for Herut blamed the poor showing of its candidate Elkayam on the internal conflict between Herut and the local Liberals, which resulted in the Liberal Party siding with Herut breakaway Rom. He said the agreement between Herut and the Liberals in Haifa is now dead.

The Liberals emerged from the elections far and away the biggest losers. In the previous administration, one of their members held the post of Deputy Mayor. On the new city council, they will have only one seat.

Shinui candidate Professor Yehudit Naot, who ran a vociferous and determined campaign on a shoestring budget, said she would be very happy to have two seats on the new city council. The party previously had only one.

Tami's candidate Nahum Menahem, failed to win even one seat.

## ELECTION ROUNDUP

## JERUSALEM: Kollek back at work with council majority

By ROBERT ROSENBERG  
and MICHAEL EILAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek had three hours of sleep and was back behind his desk yesterday morning after retaining his city council majority of at least 17 seats. But despite his secure control, the mayor intends to consider adding coalition partners to widen his base in the council. Consultations will probably begin next week after the mayor and his aides make the necessary calculations involving portfolios.

Kollek's rival, the Likud's Shlomo Toussia-Cohen got 19 per cent of the mayoral votes to Kollek's 63 per cent.

Of national implication was the decisive showing of the Sephardi Tora Guardians, which took at least one of four seats from the Knesset-represented Agudat Yisrael. For Agudat's MK Menachem Porush, the STG's success could be very harmful. He is facing a rebellion within Aguda ranks, who feel that his high-handed manipulations led to the STG's split from the party, which is controlled by the Council of Tora Sages. Porush may come

under pressure from the council to resign.

Meanwhile, as the Aguda considers internal elections that could hurt Porush and his Jerusalem-based dynasty, city hall was happy about the 19 per cent of the Arab turnout in East Jerusalem — 50 per cent more than in any previous election since 1968.

The new Sephardi grouping took votes away from the Likud's Aguda and the Youth for Neighbourhoods list put up by the Ohel movement, and Tami's Amram Harush from returning to the council.

With 85 per cent of the vote tallied last night, Kollek's One Jerusalem list had 16 seats, with a possible 17th depending on the outcome of the surplus vote distribution and soldiers' votes.

Other lists' achievements were: Likud — four or five seats, compared to five in the outgoing council; Agudat Yisrael — three seats (four); NRP — one (two); Poalei Agudat Yisrael — one or (two); and Tadir-Matzad one (two). Tami, whose leader Harush left the council when he broke away from the NRP, did not get a seat in council.

## NEGEV: Run-offs to be held in three towns

In Dimona, Yeroham and Ofakim, there will be a second round of voting, in all three cases a battle between the Labour and the Likud candidates for mayor.

In Netivot, the Likud won an upset victory in the religious town, whose previous mayor was first a National Religious Party, then a Tami supporter. Yosef Abu will now be mayor, having received 42 per cent of the vote.

In Mitzpe Ramon, there was no surprise, as Shmuel Cohen, the Alignment candidate, won re-election against several contenders (he received 50 per cent of the vote.)

Bezalel Gaver, independent, of Omer, the villa-village just north of Beersheva, returned with 79 per cent of the vote. Avraham (Baige) Shohat of the Alignment swept to re-election in Arad, with 88.8 per cent of the vote.

## BNEI BRAK: Aguda man wins hands down

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Moshe Ihrenstein, deputy chairman of Agudat Yisrael's central committee, swept to victory in the Bnei Brak mayoralty race with about 55 per cent of the vote, leaving five other contenders trailing far behind. He will take over from Mayor Shmuel Weinberg, who chose not to run for re-election.

Ihrenstein's list received 41.4 per cent of the council vote and will have nine seats. A Sephardi religious list affiliated with Ihrenstein's won close to 16 per cent of the vote, and three seats on the 21-member council, giving the two associated lists a majority.

The National Religious Party suffered a defeat in the council elections, dropping from six seats to three. The Alignment won three council seats, a drop from four in the last council, and the Likud received two seats, unchanged from the last council. A list affiliated with MK Haim Drukman won one council seat.

## BEERSHEBA: Navi faces run-off

By LORA MORIEL

BEERSHEBA. — Mayor Elihu Navi (Independent) will be forced to compete with his runner-up, MK Uri Sabag (Alignment), in a second-round vote on November 8.

Navi, who has been mayor for 20 years, gleaned only 32.41 per cent of the vote; Sabag got 22.74 per cent; independent Ehud Avivi (formerly of Likud) came away with 18.3 per cent; and the Likud candidate Balfour Kiviti gained 11.3 per cent.

Barring some last-minute upset (such as an unusually decisive vote by more than 2,000 soldiers, whose votes have not yet been counted) the city council will have six representatives of Navi's independent Eshel list, five Alignment and three Likud representatives, two Avivi supporters and four religious representatives (two from Agudat Yisrael). The 21st councilman (no women were elected) will probably come from Mapam.

## HOLON: Incumbent swamps Likud foe

Veteran mayor Pinhas Eylon (Alignment) won a sweeping victory over Likud candidate Moshe Rom taking 57 per cent to Rom's 30 per cent.

Likud break-away candidate Yehzekel Adiram received only 5 per cent. The United Religious Front headed by Moshe Hubra got 6 per cent.

Eylon's victory was unexpected here, as it was widely believed that Holon's residents wanted a younger mayor who could "get things moving."

The make-up of the 23-man city council remained unchanged, with the Alignment taking 14 seats, the Likud seven, and two going to the National Religious Party.



Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek beams after his landslide victory in the municipal elections was confirmed yesterday. (Rahamim Israeli)

## REHOVOT: Soldiers' votes will decide

Soldiers' votes will decide whether there will be a run off in two weeks. Incumbent Likud Mayor Yehzekel Harmelech received 39 per cent of the vote from the civilian population and needs 40 per cent or more to win.

Even if Harmelech wins, the Likud will have to form a coalition. At present, without the army votes, the Likud has only five out of 17 seats in the city council. The Alignment has six, a local list has four and two went to the religious bloc.

In Nes Ziona, the Alignment returned to power after present local council head Meir Herman (Likud) decided not to run. Nissan Kropsky of the Alignment received some 4,000 votes to NRP candidate.

Nissim Shimon's 2,000. Likud candidate Ze'ev Nachman received only about 700 votes.

In the council, the Alignment has a large lead of about 3,100 votes to the NRP's 1,800. The Likud trails with some 800 votes, Tami has 300 and a local list has 400 votes.

At Mazeret Batia, MK Rafael Suissa (Alignment), the incumbent head of the local council, won a fourth term with about 66 per cent of the vote. Likud candidate Yisrael Arkin received about 33 per cent of the vote.

The Alignment will also control the council with five out of nine seats. The other seats going to Likud (three) and a local list (one).

## ASHDOD: Leak damages re-election bid

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — The leak to a local newspaper of a secret agreement signed on the eve of the elections between incumbent Likud Mayor Zvi Zilker and Agudat Yisrael lost the mayor a first-round victory.

Zilker, who got 73 per cent of the votes in 1978, came away with only 34 per cent this time, with Arye Azoulai (Alignment) close behind with 30 per cent of the votes. The two will compete in a run-off vote on November 8.

A strong showing was made by a local list representing Ashdod's large Georgian community, which captured three of the city's 17 council seats. Efraim Gur, who headed the list, won 11 per cent of the vote for mayor.

North of Ashdod in Yavne, MK Meir Shitrit (Likud), the head of the local council, was re-elected with a

large majority. Shitrit polled 3,500 votes, against about 1,300 won by Alignment candidate Rafi Hirschkovitch.

The Likud captured about 3,200 votes for the council, while the Alignment received about 1,200; the NRP, about 850; Mapam, about 300; Agudat Yisrael, about 470; and a local list about 340 votes.

## ASHKELON: Dayan wins

Ashkelon's Mayor Eli Dayan (Tami) was re-elected with an impressive 60 per cent of the vote. Dayan's major rival Natan Nir (Likud) won about 28 per cent of the vote.

Dayan's list took seven seats in the city council, up from three in the last council. The other council seats are Likud (four), Alignment (two) and four seats divided among three religious lists.

## Torah From Zion — via Boys Town Jerusalem's Computer



The Boys Town Computer Centre is open day and night for these computer buffs.

On Hanukkah, dreidels spin across TV screens; before Rosh Hashana, children learn to blow the Shofar from an animated figure on a home computer. These and a growing list of programs were developed with the participation of students at the sophisticated Boys Town Jerusalem Computer Centre.

Six cassettes, a "computerized Shulchan Aruch" from which children, 8-80, can learn Festival Hymns, are available.

In a related project, Boys Town junior and high school pupils are learning the Bible Portion of the Week via the computer. Talmud lessons by computer are presently in an experimental stage.

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The public is invited to join us in a Memorial Meeting for the United States Marines who lost their lives in Lebanon. The assembly will take place at the Liberty Bell Garden Amphitheatre today, Thursday, October 27, at 4.30 p.m., in the presence of the United States Ambassador, Samuel Lewis, the Deputy Foreign Minister of the State of Israel, Yehuda Ben Meir, and the Mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek.

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## Jordan envoy in Rome is 2nd shot in 2 days

ROME (AP). — Gunmen yesterday shot and gravely wounded Jordan's ambassador to Italy in the second attack against a Jordanian envoy in as many days, police said.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack.

The envoy shot on Tuesday, Jordan's ambassador to India Mohammed Ali Khourma, was reported in stable condition yesterday and improving rapidly from the six gunshot wounds he received.

An Italian police spokesman said yesterday's victim, Ambassador Taysir Aladein Toukan, was shot several times and gravely wounded as he was being driven home from

the Jordan Embassy. The ambassador's driver was also injured.

Toukan underwent emergency surgery for seven wounds, mostly in his legs. He had also been hit in the back and a hand.

His condition was listed as grave, but his chances for recovery were considered good, Italian news agencies said.

In New Delhi, police continued their search for the gunman who wounded Khourma. He was described by witnesses as "West Asian." It was possible two other men were involved in the slaying attempt, police said.

## Iraq warns it will bomb Japan-Iran oil complex

TOKYO. — Iraq notified Japan yesterday that it plans to "shortly" bomb the port of Bandar Khomeini in western Iran, where a multibillion-dollar Japanese-Iranian petrochemical complex is being built, foreign ministry officials said.

The officials said Iraqi Vice-Foreign Minister Mohammed Sashav told Japanese ambassador to Iraq Keizo Kimura in Baghdad that Iraq was making a "final" prior warning to Japan, taking into consideration friendly relations between the two countries.

Sashav told Kimura that it was not in Iraq's best interests to give prior warning, but that Iraq did not want to spill Japanese blood in the bombing raid, according to the Japanese officials.

Kimura asked that Iraq reconsider the decision, but the vice-minister replied: "It is difficult to change the plan of the Iraqi government."

The complex was about 80 per cent complete when the Iran-Iraq war broke out on September 22, 1980, forcing work to be halted. Construction was expected to be resumed next January.

The Mitsui group, which leads

the Japanese side in the joint venture, said no Japanese are at the petrochemical plant, but about 1,000 Iranians are involved in maintenance work there.

Last week, Iraq said it had mined the approaches to Bandar Khomeini, a modern port with more than 40 berths used mainly by ships from the United Arab Emirates, India and Pakistan.

The complex has already been bombed several times by Iraqi aircraft.

Iraq, in its turn, has said it will close the Persian Gulf for oil exports if its own shipments are disrupted.

Iraq's ruling Ba'ath party newspaper *Al-Thawra* yesterday repeated Iraqi warnings that it would attack Iran's main oil exporting terminal at Kharg Island if the gulf war continued.

It quoted a leading military official as saying Iran was preparing a third assault against the Iraqi border town of Penjwin on the northern war front.

Iraq launched its latest cross-border offensive in the Penjwin area on October 19, and each side claims to have inflicted heavy casualties on the other. (AP, Reuters)

## Gabon bans all French news to protest 'insulting' book

LIBREVILLE, Gabon (AP). — The usually pro-French Gabon government has ordered all news media in the country to stop publishing news about France or news originating from French sources, officials said on Tuesday.

The officials, who declined to be identified, said the ban was imposed on orders from President Omar Bongo as a reprisal for the publication in France of a book — *African Affairs*, by French journalist Pierre Pean — regarded as insulting to the Gabonese leader.

Jacques Barbier de Crozes, director of the powerful radio station Africa No.1, jointly owned by the

French and Gabonese governments, said the ban seriously hindered his news programmes beamed to listeners throughout French-speaking Africa.

"In reporting the Beirut bombings, we were allowed to mention the destruction of the American barracks but not the French barracks," he said. "And we were not allowed to refer to (French) President (François) Mitterrand's visit to Beirut."

De Crozes said he was informed of the indefinite ban on Sunday after several French newspapers had published favourable reviews of Pean's book.

## Vietnam called 'colonizer' at UN debate on Kampuchea

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — Carlos Romulo, the Philippines' foreign minister, opened the UN General Assembly debate on the situation in Kampuchea by accusing South Vietnam of seeking to move from occupation to colonization of that country, its neighbour to the west.

"On the testimony of observers, both diplomatic and private, more than half a million Vietnamese and ethnic Vietnamese have taken over Kampuchean villages and towns," he said on Tuesday.

The assembly has debated the question of Kampuchea annually ever since Vietnamese troops drove Pol Pot's government out of the capital, Phnom Penh, in January 1979 and installed a rival Kam-

puchean regime in its place. The UN now recognizes a coalition government formed last year, headed by Prince Norodom Sihanouk and including various Kampuchean factions opposed to the occupation.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, in a report to the assembly on his efforts to solve the Kampuchean problem, said he recognizes that there is a "continued absence of concrete progress towards that goal."

Romulo formally introduced a resolution, circulated previously, that would have the assembly ask the secretary-general to keep working on the problem and report to next fall's assembly session.

## Yoko Ono gives millions to charity

NEW YORK (Reuters). — Yoko Ono, widow of ex-Beatle John Lennon, announced yesterday that she would give property and goods estimated to be worth more than \$4m. to charity.

In a statement, Ono said she would make the donations "in apology as a member of the human race and in memory of war casualties of the world."

The gifts comprise a total of five properties, a 1965 Rolls-Royce classic Phantom car, musical instruments and cash to help a variety of organizations and charities.

George Speerin, a spokesman for Lennon's widow, said that he did not yet know whether the property

and goods would be sold or auctioned.

The donations include a 22½-acre (about 90-dunam) waterfront property in Virginia, proceeds to go to a Virginia foster homes organization, and 100 dunams of land in the Isle of Dornish, Ireland, to aid Irish orphans.

Proceeds from the sale of a 512-dunam Virginia plantation will go to the Strawberry Fields Orphanage in Liverpool, England, Lennon's hometown.

Ono also said she would donate \$500,000 to New York's Central Park, a section of which is to be named Strawberry Fields, in memory of Lennon.

## Builders of 'River Kwai' bridge hold reunion

LONDON (AP). — Fifty former prisoners of war who helped build what is popularly known as the bridge over the River Kwai under the Japanese in World War II held a reunion on Tuesday.

The men met at London's Imperial War Museum on the 40th anniversary of the opening of the Burma-to-Siam "death railway," to mark the publication of a secret diary about life in the labour camps between 1942 and 1945.

The bridge over the River Kwai — in reality two bridges over the Mae Kluang River in Burma — was part of the railway.

The diary was written by British medical officer Dr. Robert Hardie, who died in 1973 and opposed publication of his diary because he did not want his work to be associated with the 1957 film *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, his widow said. He thought the film was sensationalist and misleading, and did not want people to think he was profiting from the film's success.

Of the 300,000 Allied prisoners of war who took part in the construction of the 415-kilometre railway line, 16,000 died — one for every 26 metres of track — as well as at least 100,000 native labourers.

## U.S. Marines put on alert at Guantanamo

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. has put its marines guarding the Guantanamo Bay base in Cuba on alert and has assured the Soviet Union that the invasion of Grenada is not a cause for new strains in superpower relations.

The moves came in response to Cuban and Soviet condemnation of Tuesday's attack by U.S. and allied Caribbean states' troops on Grenada, where scattered Cubans were reported last night still fighting against American ranger, marine and paratroop units.

Cuba on Tuesday said that Cuban army Colonel Pedro Tortolo Comas, who had arrived in Grenada on a "work visit" on Monday, was leading the troops and "will not surrender under any conditions."

Cuban President Fidel Castro said yesterday that Cubans had

been killed and wounded in the invasion but vowed his countrymen would never surrender.

Castro left the way open for the possible evacuation of the Cubans, who have been working on the construction of a new airport at Point Salinas, one of the first areas to be taken by U.S. paratroopers.

"We will not remain in a country that was invaded and is occupied," the Cuban president said during a press conference at the National Palace.

Calling the invasion an "enormous political error," Castro said that the more than 700 Cubans on the island were still holding out.

The Soviet Union yesterday denounced the U.S.-led invasion of Grenada as a crime against humanity, saying it confirmed the danger to world peace posed by the

Reagan administration.

The most authoritative Soviet reaction so far came in an official statement by the state news agency Tass.

"Tass is authorized to state that the Soviet Union firmly condemns the U.S. aggression against Grenada and stigmatizes it as a crime against peace and humanity," it said.

Western diplomats expected the Soviet reaction to swell over the next few days into a deluge of denunciations as Moscow uses the invasion to support its claim that the Reagan administration is bent on global military supremacy.

This could weigh heavily in the Kremlin's propaganda battle to split the West European allies from Washington over the deployment of new U.S. medium-range missiles, they said. (AP, Reuters)

## American 'hams' broadcast from Grenada

EAST BRUNSWICK, New Jersey (AP). — An American amateur radio operator describing duels between helicopters and snipers outside his window in Grenada said he was "trying to keep the morale up and the panic down" with his running account of the invasion.

Mark Barotella, a student at St. George's University medical school of the tiny Caribbean island, pleaded at one point with State Department monitors in the U.S. to divert the gunships because they were drawing ground fire.

"Every time a gunship goes over, there's fire all around us," said Barotella. "We're on the ground, waiting for the firing to stop. There's obviously snipers surrounding the entire campus. There are Cobra gunships passing over at this very minute."

The New Jersey resident, one of about 1,000 Americans whose safety

President Ronald Reagan said was the prime objective of Tuesday's invasion of Grenada, sent a steady stream of transmissions monitored by amateur radio operators across the U.S.

Western reporters had been barred from Grenada since last week's coup.

Don Atkinson, another American ham operator on the island, also sent reports, sometimes punctuated by background gunfire.

Barotella said all Americans were safe despite small-arms fire and mortar attacks near the medical school's two campuses. The school later confirmed that all students were safe.

At times, Barotella reported gunfire only 50 metres away, said Ed Barker, who monitored the shortwave transmission in South Carolina.

"Right now, we can't move. I'm

on the floor, the microphone is on the floor. I'm going to be standing by 'til this fire is up," Barotella said.

"The mortar has stopped at the present," he said, shortly after reporting students hiding under tables during an afternoon assault.

State Department officials peppered Barotella with questions to obtain updated reports on the fighting. He said six Americans were injured in the fighting, and the invaders were holding six prisoners at the school's True Blue campus.

"The six wounded are U.S. Marines," Barotella said.

He said it had become apparent in the afternoon that the invading force had secured most of the island.

"I think we would all enjoy a nice plane ride or a boat trip back to the States for a while," he said.

## World governments assail U.S. action

LONDON. — The U.S.-led invasion of Grenada was widely condemned around the world yesterday with only a few voices raised to support it even among Washington's allies.

At the UN, Mexico, accusing the U.S. of flagrant aggression, urged the Security Council to adopt measures to get foreign troops off the Caribbean island.

Mexico's Porfirio Munoz Ledo, first speaker in the council's emergency debate on the crisis called by Nicaragua, said the Reagan administration's explanations for storming the island with nearly 2,000 troops were totally unacceptable.

Victor Hugo Tinoco, the Nicaraguan delegate, called the U.S. "an international delinquent."

He listed a string of alleged

American assaults against countries in the area, going back to the early part of the last century.

In Europe, the Swedish government roundly condemned the intervention, and Prime Minister Olof Palme called for the immediate withdrawal of the invasion force.

He said the U.S.-led action went against fundamental principles of national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The Greek government said it was deeply concerned by the U.S. action, which would cause the already tense situation in the Caribbean region to deteriorate further.

China called the invasion a flagrant violation of the UN Charter and of normal relations between states.

Japan said that while the move to protect Americans on the island was

understandable, the use of force was regrettable.

India, which holds the chairmanship of the "non-aligned" movement, said the invasion could not be justified and was inconsistent with the basic laws of international behaviour.

Socialist members of the European Parliament in Strasbourg said the invasion would hinder the development of democracy in Central America.

Pope John Paul II expressed "anguish and profound concern" about the invasion. Referring also to the terrorist attacks in Lebanon, he said: "I cannot hide that the international situation causes me anguish and profound concern."

South Korea, New Zealand and Egypt all expressed support for the U.S. action. (AP, Reuters)

## AROUND THE WORLD

### Five Poles fly to W. Berlin ask for asylum

BERLIN (AP). — Five Poles diverted a single-engine propeller plane to West Berlin on Tuesday and asked for political asylum there, police said.

The Poles, four men between the ages of 19 and 29 and one four-year-old boy, landed at the U.S. Air Force Tempelhof Central Airport in West Berlin after flying some 650 kilometres from a sports plane club in Swidnik, near Lublin, in southeastern Poland.

The group was in West Berlin police custody Tuesday evening. It was to be taken to a camp for refugees who are waiting for their asylum applications to be processed.

### Rebels release sisters of Guatemalan leaders

GUATEMALA CITY (Reuters). — Leftist guerrillas yesterday released the kidnapped sisters of Guatemala's current head of state and his predecessor, a government spokesman said.

The spokesman said the rebel armed forces freed the sister of head of state Gen. Oscar Mejia Victores after more than a month in captivity. They also released the sister of former Guatemalan president Efraín Rios Montt, who had been abducted almost four months ago.

### Wales asks Nobel laureates to help prisoners

WARSAW (AP). — Solidarity leader Lech Walesa on Tuesday asked other Nobel Prize winners to join him in appealing to Poland's Communist authorities to free all political prisoners and open a "dialogue" with society.

In a telegram addressed to a meeting of Nobel laureates in Paris, this year's peace prize winner said: "There is no more important issue than a just peace which could guarantee the rights to people, social groups and nations."

The telegram was sent to Czeslaw Milosz, the emigre Polish poet who won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1950 and now lives in California.

"Would you also, in my name, put the proposal before the Nobel Prize winners to sign an appeal to the Polish authorities to release all prisoners of conscience and establish a genuine dialogue with society in the spirit of truth and peace," Walesa said.

### Chinese marshal's kin reportedly executed

PEKING (AP). — The grandson of Chinese Marshal Ye Jianying, a member of the standing committee of the Communist Party Politburo, reportedly has been executed for several rapes and shootings, according to informed sources.

Diplomatic sources confirmed that the grandson, identified as Ye Juejing, had been in trouble in the law, but could not say whether he had been executed.

The number of executions since China's anti-crime crackdown began in August is estimated by diplomatic sources at 5,000, including at least 44 in Peking, where there have been some 18,000 arrests.

### Filipinos protest against U.S. military bases

MANILA (AP). — About 350 people protesting U.S. military bases in the Philippines marched to the American Embassy yesterday after the Supreme Court overturned city government efforts to stop the demonstration.

The marchers, led by 85-year-old opposition patriarch Lorenzo Tanada, walked along sidewalks from nearby Rizal Park. It was the first time police allowed a protest at the U.S. Embassy since the assassination of opposition leader Benigno Aquino in late August.

### Letter bomb to British cabinet minister defused

GLASGOW (AP). — A "crude but viable" letter bomb addressed to Employment Secretary Tom King was intercepted at a post office here and defused, police reported yesterday.

The device, in a brown envelope, was spotted on Tuesday, apparently by an electronic detector. It was addressed to King at the House of Commons in London, and would have been delivered yesterday.

The Press Association news agency said the Scottish National Liberation Army claimed responsibility for the bomb.

### Brazilian commuters run amok over late train

SAO PAULO (AP). — More than 5,000 Brazilian commuters, angry because their train was half an hour late, burned a police car, looted a nearby supermarket and hurled stones at three trains in the station on Monday morning, authorities said.

## Andropov: No talks if U.S. installs nuclear missiles

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The Soviet Union will break off disarmament talks with the U.S. in Geneva if new U.S. missiles are deployed in Western Europe, Soviet President Yuri Andropov said yesterday.

"The appearance of new American missiles in Western Europe will make a continuation of the present talks in Geneva impossible," Andropov said in an interview with a correspondent of the official Communist Party daily *Pravda*.

Warsaw Pact Communist Party chiefs are expected to hold a summit in Moscow tomorrow and Saturday, western diplomats said in East Berlin yesterday.

They said they had been told by East European colleagues that there was a strong possibility of the meeting, which was expected to finalize their response to the planned deployment of new NATO missiles in Europe at the end of this year.

Rumours of an imminent summit circulated in Moscow after Soviet President Yuri Andropov cancelled a visit to Sofia planned for this week.

## Surinam suspends accords with Cuba

PARAMARIBO, Surinam (AP). — Surinam's leader, expressing concern about Grenada, announced on Tuesday that he had suspended all agreements with Cuba "for the time being" and had asked Cuba to scale down its embassy, "in 14 days."

Lt. Col. Desi Bouterse made the surprise announcement during a television speech. Specific accords were not mentioned.

The leader expressed concern that "a similar irreconcilable polarization" could develop in his South American country, as happened within Grenada's revolutionary council.

Grenada's prime minister, Maurice Bishop, a close associate of Cuba, was slain last week during a military takeover. Early Tuesday, a U.S.-Caribbean force landed on the Caribbean island.

Bouterse, like Bishop, came to power as a result of a military coup in 1980.

Bouterse also condemned the U.S. invasion of Grenada, saying that it "robs the Grenadian people of an opportunity to solve its own domestic problems."

MITTERRAND. — French President Francois Mitterrand leaves Paris today for a three-day official visit to Tunisia, which French sources say will open a new chapter in bilateral relations.

## Sports

## Milk goes to their heads

Post Sports Staff

Four British First Division teams were bundled without ceremony out of the Milk Cup by sides in lower divisions. Luton, fourth in the First Division, were overwhelmed 2-0 on their own ground by Third Division Rothermere, who thus won 4-3 on aggregate. Second Division Huddersfield drew 2-2 with Watford at Watford, thereby gaining a 4-3 aggregate win. Third Division Preston won at home 1-0 against Wolverhampton Wanderers, ending with a 4-2 aggregate. Leicester beat Chelsea 2-0, tying the aggregate scores, but then lost 5-4 in the penalty shoot-out.

West Ham achieved the victory of the day when they interred Burnley 10-0. Arsenal, Walsall, Birmingham, Colchester, Coventry, Queens Park Rangers, Sheffield Wednesday, Liverpool, Manchester City, Nottingham, Oldham, Preston, Sarisbury, Southampton, and West Bromwich were other winners.

## Mixed doubles

By JACK LEON

Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's first-ever mixed doubles professional tennis championships begin this weekend at the Maccabi Tzafon courts here, with nearly all the country's leading players competing for top prizes of flight tickets to the U.S. or Europe. The tournament — sponsored by Henri Zimand, of Tel Aviv — also marks the return to Israel of the mixed doubles game in major competition after an interval of some 25 years.

The championships, which are sanctioned by the local tennis association, will consist of open and over-30 events, tournament director Yitzhak Parmet reported. Both events comprise 32-draws, with the seedings in the open headed by Peris-Bialostocki, Puni-Binyamini, Bloom-Doron and Sherr-Berger. Play starts at 4 p.m. tomorrow and continues at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Israel's junior tennis champion Amos Mansdorf, 18, on Tuesday night reached the singles quarter-finals at the \$25,000 ATP Indoor Tournament in Helsinki, with a 6-3, 6-4 second round victory over Italian Paul Kanac. Mansdorf, who fought his way through three tough qualifying matches to enter the main draw, has now climbed to about 300 on the ATP computer as a result of these successes in the Finnish capital.

## Seeds out in Cologne

Veteran Stan Smith, aged 36, staged a great comeback when he eliminated the Number 1 seed, Brian Gottfried, 6-3, 7-6 from the Cologne \$88,500 Grand Prix Tennis Tournament. Smith showed superb concentration, while Gottfried could not find his true form. The No. 4 seed, Mel Purcell, was beaten by Cassio Motta of Brazil, 7-5, 6-3. But the No. 2 seed, Sandy Mayer, overcame 15-year-old Boris Becker of Germany, with some difficulty, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. Tomas Smit was eliminated by Matt Doyle 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

## SPORTOTO

There will be no National or second league soccer matches played in Israel on Saturday, because of the national Olympic team's match against Portugal on Sunday. The Sportoto coupon features English soccer and local third division matches.

To The Citizens of Haifa Many Thanks and a warm handshake!

ARYE GUREL and his Comrades on the Emet List

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## West Bank 'quieter' last year

By DAVID RICHARDSON  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**BEIT EL.** — The head of the Judea and Samaria civil administration, Tuti-Aluf Shlomo Ilyia, said yesterday that relations between his office and Arab local government in the area have improved significantly over the past year and are now "normal and correct."

Ilyia's modest claim to some success in the year he has served as head of the civil administration was made during a press conference here yesterday, called to mark publication of the 16th annual report of the Israeli administration of the West Bank. The report covers a two-year period from April 1981 to March 1983, because the first year saw the rather stormy introduction of the civil administration, and no comprehensive report was prepared during that period.

Replying to questions, Ilyia played down the role of the village leagues, which had become the initial motif of the civil administration when it was introduced. He dismissed the attempts of various village league leaders to form a political movement as "a joke," and pointed out

that the law in force in the area still prevents political activity. "The village leagues are another element in the internal political map and not the only one," he said.

The major administrative change introduced over the past year was the creation of a separate social services unit, which includes health, education and welfare.

Forty-three per cent of the Palestinian population in the West Bank is now covered by health insurance, and Ilyia hopes that large employers such as factories and local councils in Israel will be forced to insure their Arab employees over the next year. That would bring up the number of people covered by medical insurance to 60-70 per cent of the population, which the civil administration officially puts at 750,000.

Projects to expand hospitals in Beit Jalla and Ramallah have been approved and are under way, and these will increase the number of operating theatres and hospital beds as well as improve the level of specialized treatment available in the area, he said.

A hundred classrooms were added over the past year, and another

hundred are under construction. This will eventually enable the civil administration to do away with the second shift in local education, Ilyia said. He added that teacher to pupil ratio has also improved over the past year.

The civil administration's development budget has grown in real terms by 250 per cent since 1981 and now stands at \$1.1 billion. The total budget for 1983-84 is \$55.7 billion, of which Israel will contribute some 42 per cent. Israeli participation in the budget of the area was 45 per cent in 1981.

The development budget has increased as a direct result of improved tax collection from the local population. The civil administration is now able to collect 50 per cent of the potential in indirect taxes such as VAT and customs, and 20 per cent in income tax.

The economic situation in the area is still improving steadily, with the Gross National Product growing at 5 per cent a year (in Israel the GNP grew last year by 1 per cent). Private consumption also increased by 4 per cent in the period covered by the report.

## ARAB SECTOR: Prime minister's adviser pleased

By YOEL DAR

Special to the Jerusalem Post

**NAZARETH.** — The prime minister's adviser on Arab affairs has expressed his satisfaction with the results of the municipal elections in the Arab sector.

Binyamin Gur-Arye said yesterday that local lists headed by moderates and those maintaining close relations with the Labour Party managed to defeat the Communist-led Democratic Front in four large villages: Sakhnin, Kafir Manda, Bu'eina and Deir al-Assad, all in Western Galilee.

A second round will be held in Umm Al-Fahm, since the Democratic Front, which has governed the largest Arab village inside the pre-1967 borders failed to gain the support of a majority.

The Democratic Front, on the other hand, increased its influence in Nazareth. Mayor Tawfik Zayyad, Democratic Front MK, gained 69 per cent of the vote compared with 62 per cent five years ago. His list for the council won 11 of 17 seats. His rival Kamil Dahio, head of the National Progressive Movement, won four seats, while former mayor

and MK Seif Din Zouabi gained only one seat.

The Democratic Front candidates also managed to defeat their rivals in Jeddidiya village in Western Galilee and Tira in the Triangle.

The voter turnout in Arab villages was very high compared with the Jewish sector. In villages located in Eastern Galilee, 86 to 95 per cent voted. In Nazareth, 69 per cent voted. The main reason for the lower turnout there is that the residents of a neighbouring area within the Nazareth municipality boycotted the election to protest against

the refusal of the Interior Ministry to set up an independent local council for their village.

In the Druse sector, no considerable change was reported, as supporters of Labour or independent candidates won the elections. In Daliat al-Carmel, Amal Nasr ad-Din, the Likud MK, failed to defeat veteran mayor Nawaf Halabi, although he won more than 36 per cent of the vote.

In the Druse Golan villages, elections were not held, mainly because of the strained relations between local residents and the government

## Iran's Baha'is reject spying charges

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

**HALFA.** — In a final act before disbanding last month, after being outlawed by Iran's Islamic government, the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Iran published a courageous open letter, demanding safety for the lives and property of the members of the faith.

In the letter, dated September 3 and made available by the Baha'i World Centre here, the assembly totally rejected the allegations of spying, corruption and other charges of Iran's public prosecutor, Husayn Musavi-Tabrizi.

The assembly set forth 13 demands of the government to "enable Iran's 400,000 Baha'is to live in safety following the wave of persecutions and executions the government carried out against the community."

It demanded an end to persecution, arrests, torture and imprisonment of Baha'is "for imaginary crimes and on baseless pretexts," because the authorities "know their only crime is their beliefs."

The Baha'is also demanded a guarantee of the safety, personal property and honour of Baha'is; freedom of residence and occupations; the right of association based on the provisions of the Islamic Republic constitution; restoration of all rights taken from them "on the groundless assertions of the public prosecutor" and the restoration of the jobs and wages of Baha'i employees who have been dismissed.

The assembly further demanded the release of "all innocent prisoners," the restoration of deprived property, permission for Baha'i students to study abroad as others do, and permission for students to return to the Iranian universities which expelled them.

As to religious practice, the assembly, while accepting the order outlawing it, demanded guaranteed freedom of religious rites for the Baha'is, including the holding of funerals in their own cemeteries, and the solemnization of Baha'i marriages and divorce. Finally they demanded that the authorities desist from arrests and imprisonment of anyone because of previous membership in Baha'i organizations.

The seven-page document convincingly repudiates the charges levelled against Baha'is by the authorities, moving sets forth the cruel fate suffered by many Baha'is at the hands of the authorities, from the hanging of girls to the expulsion of whole villages. It finally declares that though all charges against Baha'is are total fabrications "until the time when God willing, the misunderstandings are eliminated and the realities are at last made manifest to the authorities, the national assembly and all local spiritual assemblies and their committees are disbanded, and no one may any longer be designated a member of the Baha'i administration."

## Liberal International to meet here in '84

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — The Liberal International will hold its congress here next September. Yitzhak Nener, who headed the Israel Liberal Party's delegation to this month's Liberal International congress in Stockholm, told a press conference yesterday that this is the first time a political party international ever held a congress here.

Israel's offer to host the 1984 congress was accepted unanimously at a previous meeting of the Liberal International in Bonn, but later, opposition arose from the British Liberal Party and other quarters.

After much work on the part of Israeli Liberals and friends from other countries, the executive in Stockholm, and later the congress

there, approved the decision to hold this congress here. The British reluctantly went along with the majority decision.

"It is not just a matter of whether one more or one less congress will be held in Israel," Nener said. "There is political significance here, because those who opposed having the congress here were saying that Israel is not worthy of hosting a democratic political event, because we are a conquering power and are still militarily involved in Lebanon."

Leaders of the international decided that there will be no debate on the Middle East at the congress here, though they are planning a pre-congress symposium in Italy on the subject. Nener predicted that resolutions on the Middle East will be introduced and that there will be

efforts to hold a debate, in which case the Israeli Liberals will have no objection.

Two resolutions of Jewish interest passed at the Stockholm congress. One concerned a demand that the Russians release Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who disappeared after the Soviets took him prisoner in Hungary in 1947. The second was a condemnation of the Soviet Union for denial of human rights to those Jews who wish to emigrate.

There was no debate on the Middle East during the congress plenum, Nener noted with relief, and the Israeli delegates participated in debates on problems of Central America and the missile deployment in Europe, "just to show them we have opinions on problems other than our own."



Givatayim Mayor Yitzhak Yaron, right, congratulates Uri Amit of the Alignment on his good showing in the Ramat Gan mayoralty race early yesterday morning. Amit will participate in a run-off election against incumbent Mayor Israel Peled. (Rivka Finder)

## OTHER RESULTS

**Acre** — Eliahu De Castro (Alignment) 45.7 per cent; David Bar Lev (Herut) 25.5 per cent. Council: Alignment, 5 seats; Herut, 3 seats; Local lists, 4 seats.

**Afula** — Ovadia Eli (Likud) 85 per cent. Council: Likud, 5 seats; Alignment, 4 seats; Agudat Yisrael, 3-4 seats.

**Benaymin** — Mordechai Kirmeyer (Likud) 44.6 per cent. Council: Alignment, 3 seats; Likud, 3 seats; Tami, 2 seats; Local lists, 1 seat.

**Hod Hasharon** — Eliahu Shimoni (Local list) 36.4 per cent; Yitzhak Kedmi (Alignment) 25.2 per cent. Council: Alignment, 4 seats; Local list, 4 seats; Likud, 3 seats; other lists, 2 seats.

**Katrina** — Shmuel Bar Lev (Local list) 75.5 per cent. Council: Local list, 4 seats; Alignment, 2 seats; other lists, 2 seats.

**Kiryat Ata** — Run-off.

**Kiryat Gat** — David Magen (Likud) over 70 per cent. Council: Likud, 5 seats; Alignment, 4 seats; Tami, 1 seat; NRP, 1 seat; Agudat Yisrael, 1 seat.

**Kiryat Malachi** — Yosef Vanunu (Likud) 57 per cent. Council: Likud, 6 seats; Alignment, 2 seats;

Liberals, 1 seat; Tami, 1 seat; NRP — no seat.

**Kiryat Motzkin** — Moshe Goshen (Alignment) 80.1 per cent. Council: Alignment, 9 seats; United Religious, 2 seats; Likud, 1 seat; Independent list, 3 seats.

**Kiryat Ono** — Avigdor Varsha (Local list) 56.6 per cent. Council: Alignment, 4 seats; Likud, 2 seats; Religious front, 2 seats; Local list, 5 seats.

**Kiryat Tivon** — Ami Ben David (Local list) 50.51 per cent; David Meron (Alignment) 49.48 per cent.

**Kiryat Yam** — Benyamin Schnell (Alignment) 47.21 per cent; Shmuel Siso (Likud) 40.64 per cent. Council: Alignment, 7 seats; Likud, 5 seats; Local list, 2 seats; Religious Front, 1 seat.

**Mevasseret Zion** — Undecided.

**Migdal Haemek** — Shaul Amour (Likud). Council: Alignment, 5 seats; Likud, 4 seats.

**Nahariya** — Aluf Mishac (Res.) Hayim Lavey (Alignment). Yavne — Meir Shitrit (Likud) over 60 per cent.

**Yehud** — Sa'adia Hatuka (Alignment) 55 per cent. Council: Alignment 5 seats; Likud 2 seats; NRP, 1 seat; Local lists, 3 seats.

## ELECTION ROUNDUP

### RAMAT GAN: 2nd ballot for mayor

Incumbent Likud mayor for 14 years, Yisrael Peled mustered only 39 per cent of the vote, and will have to take part in a second round of balloting against the Alignment's Uri Amit, who also received about 39 per cent of the vote.

The Alignment showed even greater relative strength in elections for the city council, taking 39.5 per cent of the vote to the Likud's 29.4 per cent.

Sources close to Peled said his

surprisingly poor showing may have been public indifference on issues of local politics. Many potential supporters of Peled, the source said, were so certain that their candidate would be elected that they did not bother to vote. The source also mentioned Amit's Iraqi origin and his appeal to the ethnic pride of Ramat Gan's 40,000 Iraqis.

Another observer suggested that Peled projects an old and infirm image, while Amit comes across as young and energetic.

### RISHON LEZION: Likud incumbent ousted

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mayor Hanania Gibstein was defeated by the Alignment's Meir Nitzan in an upset victory with more than 50 per cent of the vote going to Nitzan.

Gibstein, mayor of Rishon for the last 14 years, is a member of the Herut party secretariat, but during the last three elections has run on an independent list.

Gibstein said the biggest factor in

his losing votes was probably the introduction this year of junior high schools in the town.

In his campaign, Nitzan stressed the theme that Gibstein ran the city as a one-man show. He promised the voters that he would return democracy to the municipality.

Nitzan may also have won a majority on the 21-man council. His 11th seat depends on how soldiers voted.

### KIRYAT BIALIK: Mayor since '45 wins again

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mayor Zvi Karliner, in office since 1945, won his ninth straight victory in Tuesday's elections.

Karliner, 78, took 42.5 per cent of the mayoral votes, beating his Alignment rival Micha Shamir, who got 34 per cent. But Karliner's independent list for Kiryat Bialik lost two of its seven seats on the 15 seat council.

The Alignment won five seats, one more than last time; the NRP held its single seat; the Likud retained its two seats, and two other independent lists got one seat each.

### KIRYAT SHMONA: Candidates face 2nd ballot

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Likud mayoralty candidate Prosper Azran, who was expected by many to win the election with ease, will have to face a new round of elections and contend again with his challenger, Avraham Aloni, running on an independent ticket.

Aloni was previously dismissed from his post as head of the local council by the Interior Ministry.

In this week's elections Azran got 33 per cent of the vote, Aloni 26 and Alignment candidate Shmuel Ohana 24.

Unless last-minute changes influence the situation, the Kiryat Shmona city council will have three Likud members, one less than in the previous council. Aloni will have two with a possible third. Because of an agreement concerning surplus votes, the Alignment seat represented by Shmuel Ohana, will have two seats. Tami, the NRP, and Poalei Agudat Yisrael will each be represented by one seat on the council.

## Overwork worries anesthetists

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — Patients may pay with their lives for the shortage of anesthetists in Israel, leaders of the Israel Anesthesiologists Association warned at a press conference yesterday.

One question that will be dealt with at an international congress of anesthetists to be held in Jerusalem next week is why some patients do not wake up from anesthesia after an operation. The problem is exaggerated, congress president Prof. Shamai Kotev said. Some deaths are classified as anesthetic deaths because they occur within 24 hours after an operation, but are really deaths from shock due to loss of blood.

However, there are undeniably cases where the anesthetic, which Kotev described as "a deliberate and controlled temporary poisoning," kills the patient. Sometimes the patient is oversensitive to anesthesia.

There are other reasons, too. One is the possibility that an anesthetist who has worked more than 24 hours straight — because there is no one to replace him — dozes himself for a few seconds, or is less than fully alert.

If, for example, a nurse passes during those critical seconds and accidentally disconnects a tube, a less than alert anesthetist may not notice and the result could be fatal to the patient.

"We try to build in all sorts of alarm systems to prevent such slips," Kotev said, "but there is still the chance."

The problem is not only the lack of enough hospital positions for anesthetists, but also (and more critically) the lack of anesthetists to fill the few positions that do exist.

During the doctors' strike, anesthetists had no opportunities for private practice, as other doctors did, explained Prof. Gabriel Gurman. Many left the specialty for more lucrative areas of medicine. The solution, he believes, is better pay for anesthetists, and more positions so that each practitioner will have to work fewer hours.

## 'The Post' to get journalism prize

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Post will today receive the Jerusalem Prize for Journalism in memory of Gershon Agron in a 4.15 p.m. ceremony at Beit Agron, to be attended by President Chaim Herzog and Mayor Teddy Kollek.

The prize, established by the

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## U.S. protests its backyard

THE VERY FACT that the U.S. Marines and their Caribbean allies were still facing armed and apparently effective resistance a day after they had landed on Grenada is itself justification for their being there.

The resistance, after all, was not mounted by the Grenadian army, but rather by Cuban forces who in Grenada go under the name of "workers."

The world, especially the Third World, has learnt full well by now what the presence of Cubans spells for any country. They are the shock-troops of Soviet expansionism. And yet a howl of hypocrisy has gone up in the wake of President Reagan's policing action in America's own backyard.

Perhaps the President's own disingenuousness stood him in bad stead before the court of world opinion. He was too free in his references to "freedom," too unconvincing in his emphasis on the need to defend "American lives" purportedly threatened on Grenada.

It would have been better had he dwelt on the real issue that prompted him to act — the security-subversion-strategic threat of another Cuba, albeit a mini-Cuba, in the Caribbean.

Of all the perfidious reactions in the Western camp, Britain's takes the biscuit. After seeking, and receiving, political and more tangible support from America for her escapade in the far-off Falklands, Mrs. Thatcher now has the ungrateful effrontery to preach to Washington. In the House of Commons her faithful cohorts join, with left-wing Labourites to bay about Grenada's place under the British Crown.

What was the loyalty to "Queen and Commonwealth" of those who put an end to Prime Minister Bishop's "Peoples Revolutionary Government" on Grenada last week by killing him and several ministers in the process? (What, indeed, was Mr. Bishop's own devotion to the Commonwealth and its supposed ideals when he invited the Cubans and the Russians into his tiny country?)

Suddenly Britain, hitherto ignorant, indolent or impotent in the face of Soviet-Cuban infiltration, has remembered that Grenada is a part of the Commonwealth. Its response: to order a British warship to keep well away while other nearby Commonwealth countries, in concert with the United States, move to root out a pernicious growth in the Commonwealth and in the Caribbean.

France's comment was almost comical. Paris opposes such actions unless the invitation comes from the "lawful government" or is endorsed by the United Nations Security Council. What lawful government? The one that slew the last lot?

In a situation of mayhem and potential mischief such as developed in Grenada, international law has no pat answers — despite the formalistic dogmatism mouthed so self-righteously by President Reagan's knee-jerk critics, at home and abroad.

## Not many surprises

THE MUNICIPAL elections held on Tuesday are not really over yet.

In most localities across the country the people have already had their final say in the choice of mayor. In the three big cities they did so by ringingly endorsing the incumbents. But in many of the localities a run-off will be required, where the two candidates with the highest scores on Tuesday will be pitted against one another. It will be held on November 8.

This is hardly surprising, since the law provides that no mayoral candidate who has garnered less than 40 per cent of the vote will be declared a winner, even if he happens to lead the field. The proliferation of candidates heading local lists in this week's election, unlike five years ago, has forced more run-offs than before.

Thus in some instances candidates who were originally considered shoo-ins — like Ramat Gan's Mayor Israel Peled — will now have to gear themselves for another ordeal-by-polling.

Even where a winner has already been announced, however, the job of forming a workable coalition in the city (or local) council may only be starting. In Jerusalem Teddy Kollek, who retained his mayoral post in a landslide, is assured of 16 out of the 32 city council seats for his One Jerusalem list. With the final count, including the soldiers, this could go up to 17 or 18.

If he were to follow past strategy, Mr. Kollek would seek coalition allies first in the NRP and then in Poalei Agudat Yisrael. This would give him a solid council. It would also then be possible for him to ask Agudat Israel and the Likud to join the council. Such a broadly-based council, embracing the two largest parties and the religious parties, would promote the communal harmony in the capital that the mayor wants and the city needs.

## POSTSCRIPTS

**PS** THE LOT of the average lecturer on reserve duty is not particularly difficult, unless he is dodging bullets in Lebanon. The worst part of it is usually getting shipped all over creation in conveyances ranging from rickety jeeps to aged propeller aircraft.

In his last stint, says one of our correspondents, his partner showed up on the first day of their five-day lecture tour of bases on the Golan Heights and the Hermon with a sleek steel-blue Mercedes sedan. They made their rounds in his \$75,000 runabout in air-conditioned comfort, wrapped in quadraphonic sound from the tape deck.

The worst part of it, says our friend, was the looks they got from other soldiers, which were a mixture of amazement, envy and disgust. C.H.

**PS** OUR MAN in Haifa informs us that even the more fastidious gourmets in the Carmel city conceded the hamburgers to be very well done, when the Mac David hamburger restaurant in Rehov Balfour, in the busy Hadar district, burned down recently.

The restaurant, which asserts that it sells "the best hamburgers in town," went up in flames when an electric oil heater short-circuited.

setting the oil alight. Notwithstanding the efforts of the cooks, the flames quickly engulfed the restaurant and gutted it before the fire brigade could put the fire out.

Damage was estimated at ISL.7 million by the owner, who egged on his contractor to an effort that has enabled him to reopen for business already.

But in the hamburger business, once bitten twice shy seems to be a good rule of thumb. The owner is now insured for indirect losses, including any future loss of business resulting from a protracted close down. Y.F.

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THESE DAYS, as the collapse of the golden calf of the stock market is in full view: as the small saver and the big gambler stand stunned and confused by the bursting of the \$7.5 billion balloon of illusions in their faces; as many stand helpless, having lost not only their securities but their personal security and faith in the future of the Israeli economy — these days, the well-known tune we have kept hearing over the last six years, the "30-year heritage" tune, has vanished from the Likud hit parade. Suddenly the Likud has stopped blaming its failures on the legacy it received from the Alignment in 1977. It would be not only foolish but dishonest, too, to blame anyone but the Likud's own policies and actions for the present crisis.

Slowly but surely the public is waking up. People are starting to look back longingly to Eshkol and Sapir, to years which today seem like a fairytale from another world; the GNP growing at an annual rate of 10 per cent and more; the tightening of the belt, but simultaneously the implementation of great national tasks in the spheres of settlement, agriculture, construction, immigrant absorption and security.

Today, one even looks at the period that followed the Yom Kippur War, that terrible war which cost the economy a whole year's production, with nostalgia. The Rabin-Rabinowitz government had managed, despite the war's cost, despite the energy crisis and world price rises, to reduce the annual

DEFENDING the "dollarization" of the Israeli economy should in no way be construed as defending any other policy of former finance minister Yoram Aridor. He bears responsibility for getting the country into its present situation, but dollarization was a good idea to correct his former blunders.

Had Aridor possessed the sensitivity to gauge public feelings, and to sugar-coat his proposal, it probably would have been received in an entirely different fashion. For example, he could have suggested linking the economy not to the dollar, but to a basket of currencies. The public uproar would then have centered not on the intrinsic value of the entire scheme, but on the question of which currencies would go in the basket. There would have been loud arguments about the "relative weight" of the dollar, the German mark, the pound sterling, and so on, and about whether the ratio of these currencies should be fixed, or changed quarterly or semi-annually, in line with their fluctuating prices and the ups and downs of Israel's imports and exports.

The very word "dollarization"

# THE BURST BUBBLE

By IMRY RON

rate of inflation to a now unbelievable 25 per cent; to reduce the balance of payments deficit by half to \$2.5 billion; to construct between 50,000 and 60,000 apartments annually — double the present output.

IN 1977, just as we were ready for a renewal of the growth momentum, an additional "Yom Kippur" was inflicted on the country: the economic upheaval with its extreme liberalization, encouraging unbridled consumption and a raving stock market.

Israel's internal and external national debt has more than doubled. Debt service and debt repayments have reached close to 38 per cent of the national budget. Soon, half the budget will be earmarked for that purpose. A debt in itself is not negative, even if it is large, as long as it is utilized to pay for development, direct investment and growth in production. But the debt which successive Likud governments have generated covers

the present consumption of goods which we do not produce.

In the last two years, consumption has risen by 20 per cent and the explanation commonly given for this prosperity is the rise in wages. But the statistics do not support this explanation. In 1982, real wages went down, available income fell, and consumption rose by 8.9 per cent! It is perhaps unique in modern economic history that at a time when real wages were falling, consumption should have risen drastically.

THERE IS ONLY one explanation: the great balloon inflated in the stock market, a balloon of expectation which every consumer took for granted and which for several years proved its efficacy. From 1979 to 1982, many people trebled their money in real terms.

Though the Likud kept speaking of saving in the stock market, those who played the market were not really saving for easy profits were translated into consumption. In the

stock market, the banks were enabled to print money with the full cooperation of the government, which welcomed some relief for its own printing presses. This vast sum of money, \$7.5 billion worth of shares, equals half the volume of salaries paid in the State of Israel to-day. But this sum was fictitious, backed by nothing and resulting in nothing more than current consumption. The balloon had to burst.

I know that the timing of the large devaluation was not the result of careful consideration but of the government's confused policy and bungling. It could have been avoided. Yet for one reason I am happy that it was delayed. Because of its timing, it caused the balloon to burst.

The stock market has had an enormous inflationary effect. It has encouraged consumption and discouraged real saving. I should like to remind readers that six years ago, following consultations at a hotel in Tiberias, the economic leaders of the Likud headed by the late Simha Ehrlich, came out with the astounding declaration that Israel would become the stock market of the Middle East. The public didn't need any more hints, but immediately grasped the meaning of this fantastic declaration: no more planned production, no more directed credit, no more control devices and other "deplorable" socialist methods of intervention. "Catch as catch can" and *Luftschäft* turned into the cornerstones of the liberal economy.

A CULTURE of labour has its symbols as does a stock market culture. What characterizes the latter is that the youth who have never heard of is. A demobilized soldier prefers to invest his unemployment pay in bank shares rather than earn an honest living by working. Thousands of telephone calls are put through to the Stock Exchange every day, even from citizens on reserve duty, asking how this or that other share is doing. These are some of the symbols of the stock market culture.

This balloon of illusions, especially inflated in the past three years, burst within three days. Now it is not a question of changing the captain of the economic ship, of replacing Aridor with Cohen-Orad. The new captain will continue to steer the ship towards the same destination, on the basis of the same basic navigation principles, though he may take a different route.

It is time for the destination to be changed. We must change course from the stock market culture, back to a culture of labour, from the encouragement of unlimited consumption to production and development. Only a change of government can bring about such a change of course, which is essential not only to cure our shaken economy, but for the future of the Zionist ideal as well.

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## Second glance at dollarization

By MACABEE DEAN

was a red flag, with all sorts of nasty connotations. The worst was that Israel was further mortgaging itself to the U.S. This aroused an instinctive reaction among all those who dreamed of an independent state. Israel would become an American "vassal." (Does anybody remember the furore when former prime minister Menachem Begin used this word?) Israel was selling its birthright for a mess of pottage, people said. Israel was becoming a banana republic.

Even if such thinking is an over-reaction, the rational objections to "dollarization" were also great: Israel's monetary system would be

linked to that of the U.S. What is good for the U.S. would supposedly be good for Israel, which would lose the ability to plan its own monetary policies.

But linking the economy to the dollar — or to a basket of currencies — would have some short-term benefits. It would weaken the present system in which salaries are automatically raised as the cost-of-living index goes up. As long as this system remains in force, the government is limited in planning monetary policy.

The cost-of-living straight-jacket is commendable only for pension schemes, provident funds and the

like, which encourage people to save.

Secondly, "dollarization" — or preferably "semi-dollarization" — would bring some sanity into the life of consumers. If each item was marked in dollars, even if payment is made in shekels, consumers with an average memory could better control their purchases. If a pair of shoes, for instance, cost \$30 a year ago, and this year are again \$30, the consumer can judge that prices have neither risen or fallen, at least by American standards.

Today, with shekels, it is virtually impossible to know if you are paying more or less in actual spending power than a year ago. But if you knew that the dollar price had risen considerably, then you might think twice about buying.

Anyone who argues that it would be a hardship for many to live simultaneously in two currencies should consider that a goodly portion of the Israeli population manages very well with two calendars, the Hebrew and the Gregorian, and most Israelis get along without any trouble in two languages — if not more.

In actual fact, most of the Israeli

economy is "dollarized" today. Prices of flats, cars, TVs, videos, airline tickets, hotels and even books are quoted in a foreign currency.

And we have dollar-linked bonds, and dollar-linked savings schemes, and foreign currency accounts. When the question came up about turning bank shares into bonds, it was generally agreed that these bonds should be linked to the dollar, and not to the index.

We can buy and sell foreign currencies freely. (If this is taxed, or banned, there is always Lillienblum Street, which again popped into life overnight to satisfy the law of supply and demand, and which could be expected to sprout alleys all over the country.)

Further dollarization would, of course, rob us of a lot of national pride. But then we have lost national pride in many other ways. We work like South Americans but live like North Americans; we drive cars like Egyptians; we pay income taxes like Italians, and we dirty our environment worse than anyone I can think of.

The writer is a member of the editorial staff of The Jerusalem Post.

## READERS' LETTERS

### OFFICIAL INQUIRIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Instead of expressing contrition after his brush with the law on libel charges, Bar Ilan President Emanuel Rackman is apparently continuing with his self-serving "explanations" of his slander of the Kahan Commission (page 3 of your paper, October 21).

Dr. Rackman has the *chutzpa* to contend that his calumny is now justified by the fact that mail he has been receiving supports his opinions. That is no surprise: I, too, would be indignant if I had believed Rackman's gross misrepresentation of the commission's procedure. As it is, however, Rackman is simply exploiting the naivete of the readers he himself duped.

The question Rackman should really be called on to answer, therefore, is: was his — and The Jewish Week's — journalistic irresponsibility the result of

deliberate malice, or did he misinform his readership out of sheer ignorance and laziness?

Finally, the good professor takes a gratuitous and condescending swipe at Israel's commission of inquiry law, comparing its implementation unfavourably with the "superior" American system. One need look only at the U.S.'s investigation into the My Lai massacre, for example — which ended in the scapegoating (though I have no doubt he was guilty) of a mere lieutenant, with none of the higher-ups being called on to account for policy vis-a-vis civilians during the Vietnam war — to realize that, despite Rackman's pontificating to the contrary, our ally across the sea could indeed well benefit from adopting Israel's fairer and more comprehensive method of conducting official inquiries.

Jerusalem. BEZALEL GORDON

### FILM ON JESUS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Judy Siegel's story on the film on Jesus (October 13) is based nearly entirely on the say-so of Tadir-Matzad Municipal Council member Viva Sivan. I attended this same meeting and I fail to recognize Sivan's view as accurate.

I attended as a result of the advertisement I saw in The Jerusalem Post. My interest was in viewing the film and seeing how this "second coming" would be handled. No one welcomed me into the hall. I never knew how many Jews were in the hall — no special reference was made to any as far as I heard. I neither saw nor heard any attempt at proselytizing any Israeli.

If the bigotry expressed by the threat to cancel the *kashrut* certificate of the Ramada Shalom

Hotel is our answer to anti-Semitism, it certainly is a poor one. There are laws concerning proselytizing. If there is a case, let those so engaged be prosecuted under the law. By what right does Jerusalem Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Kolitz become a judge and make threats with no evidence, then admit that he is only now investigating?

This is not a theocracy. It is a government of laws passed by parliament.

This episode is unfortunate. Are we so weak as Jews that we cannot stand any difference of religion in our midst? When will these zealots stop pushing their form of Judaism down our throats? I for one resent it.

ALVIN J. CAPLAN  
Jerusalem.

## YEKKE CONTRIBUTIONS

the place of science in the State of Israel. Norden must have been thinking of Professor Hugo Bergmann.

Norden mentions the Yekke contribution "in everything but politics and war." However, there were Hagana units in Jerusalem in the Thirties where German was the dominant language, and the commander of Jerusalem during the

siege (1947/48) was a Yekke (Shalliel).

May I add a field not mentioned at the symposium and largely forgotten today — but not without influence on the birth of the future Israel Air Force — flying and gliding. The first local flyers in the Thirties were trained mostly by Yekke pilots. GIDEON COHEN  
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